

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Competitive Price Changes

Docket No. CP2022-22

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2
AND NOTICE OF FILING UNDER SEAL

(Issued December 2, 2021)

To clarify the information provided by the Postal Service in its notice of changes in rates of general applicability for Competitive products, filed November 10, 2021,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to the questions should be provided no later than December 9, 2021.

1. Please refer to the Notice, Governors' Decision No. 21-6.² The Postal Service states that Premium Data Retention and Retrieval Service (USPS Tracking Plus) "will have a 51.5 percent price decrease in 2022, and the list of products eligible for the service will expand." Notice, Governors' Decision No. 21-6 at 5. The draft Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language attached to the Governors' Decision No. 21-6 suggests that the newly eligible products for the USPS Tracking Plus service would include "Bound Printed Matter Flats and Parcels, Media and Library Mail, Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Priority Mail Express International, Outbound Priority Mail International, Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service for which Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation® International Service is available, and certain pieces for those

¹ USPS Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 10, 2021 (Notice).

² Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 21-6).

services for which Insurance has been purchased (not to include Global Express Guaranteed).” *Id.* Attachment § 2645.3.

- a. Please explain whether the overall price decrease of 51.5 percent was calculated using only FY 2020 USPS Tracking Plus volumes (*i.e.*, volumes for the existing eligible products), or whether the overall price decrease also includes projected USPS Tracking Plus volumes for products that will become newly eligible.
 - b. USPS Tracking Plus service allows a customer to extend (1) scan or (2) scan + signature data retention period for customer’s pieces “beyond the Postal Service’s standard data retention period, for up to a certain number of years.” *Id.* Please provide the Postal Service’s standard data retention period for (1) scan data, and for (2) scan + signature data, as applicable, for each newly eligible domestic and outbound international product, for which USPS Tracking Plus service would be available effective January 9, 2022. Notice at 1. For those newly eligible products for which scan or scan + signature are not obtained upon delivery, please explain whether USPS Tracking Plus would be available only with the purchase of additional ancillary services, and list all applicable ancillary services for respective products.
 - c. USPS Tracking Plus is included under the Competitive Ancillary Services product, MCS § 2645, and is currently available only for domestic Competitive products. The products newly eligible for this service include domestic Market Dominant, as well as Competitive outbound international products. Please explain how the Postal Service will report revenues and costs associated with the provision of USPS Tracking Plus service for each newly eligible Market Dominant domestic and Competitive international product.
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By the Vice Chairwoman.

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